

Kelso Planning Commission Special Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 19, 2016

Commissioners Present: Daniel Graves, Charles Hendrickson, Clark Hislop, Rick VonRock.

Joint Planning Commission-City Council presentation/workshop:

West Kelso Subarea Plan Presentation. The purpose of the presentation was to solicit feedback from the City Council and Planning Commission on the full draft West Kelso Subarea Plan. The Special Planning Commission Meeting took place during the regular January 19, 2016 meeting of the City Council and began at approximately 6:02pm.

BERK Consulting Project Manager, Jeff Arango, presented the full draft plan. As part of the City's 2015 Comprehensive Plan update the neighborhood of West Kelso was designated as a special study area to examine the impacts of recent public improvements and future development potential. In July 2015, BERK consulting was hired to conduct the West Kelso Subarea plan to engage the public, research existing conditions, and explore tools to facilitate the desired future development of the neighborhood.

BERK has conducted public outreach for input into this plan via two public workshops, a survey, stakeholder meetings, and a presence on the City's website. They have developed a Vision Statement, guiding principles, and several alternative development patterns, which have been presented at previous Council meetings.

The workshop concluded at approximately 6:52pm and the regular Council meeting resumed.

Rick VonRock, Planning Commission Chair

Respectfully submitted: Stephanie L. Helem, Recording Secretary